

Blakeney Sailing Club - Newsletter June 2017

Important update on Clubhouse: The clubhouse lease, from the Blakeney Parochial Church Council will expire on 7th July 2017. The club will continue to occupy the clubhouse under licence until the 28th October 2017. It was not possible to renew the lease at terms agreeable between the Landlord and the Sailing Club's committee.

Update on sailing: The weather has been good to sailors. At Easter 18 boats raced with only one day was lost to racing, whilst over the May Bank Holiday weekend 16 boats raced and no days lost. Push The Boat Out weekend 14 boats raced. Tomorrow the Spring Bank Holiday racing commences but how many will grace the start line?

Bill Glauert, Rear Commodore Flotilla Sailing, is calling all members of the sailing club to join him over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend; each day sailing decisions will be made according to weather conditions etc. On Saturday Bill plans to set sail at 08:00, he will be there sailing his orange Solo sail number 3469. Please approach Bill or the Race Officer on the slipway. Subsequent flotilla sailing organisation can be seen on the club's Facebook page.

Fish and Chips supper at Bayfield Hall 5th May 2017: By kind permission of Caroline and Roger Coombes, the club hosted at Bayfield Hall, an educational/social evening with a talk from Trevor Lewis on the Racing Rules of Sailing. Some found it very informative, learning rules and interpretations that they thought they already knew! Some enjoyed the wine, fish and chips and camaraderie.

Push The Boat Out 13th/14th May: Team Blakeney Sailing Club really pulled out the stops and showed what they enjoy both on and off the water. Eleven contacts have been made as a result of the advertising, sailing and socialising. Some of the participants had never sailed and some just wanted to get back on the water. Not every participant raced, some sailed to the Point to see the grey and the common seals. Comments expressed include "awesome", "excellent" and "wonderful experience" to quote but three. Not everyone was able to take up the offer to sail that weekend but they will hopefully in the near future. This superb result was achieved by members going the extra mile to make it all happen; the planning and advertising, the race officers, the patrol boats, the shore based launching and retrieving, the cooking and serving. Photographs taken by Steve Soanes and posted on Facebook (seen by 794 people when I last checked) show why two years ago he won the cup for capturing the spirit on sailing at Blakeney. Steve has done it again.

<https://www.facebook.com/Blakeney-Sailing-Club-115657908546638/>

www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/195929/Blakeney-Sailing-Club-Push-the-Boat-Out

Many thanks to all who made this possible.

Forthcoming Events- your committee is planning both sailing and non-sailing events, both competitive and non-competitive events. If it is providing what you are looking for then please tell others. If it could do better please tell any member of the committee!

The Yearbook is packed with many and varied events including the Seafly Class Association's National Races in July, the North West Norfolk Sailing Association's visit in August, the Streaker's Southern Paddle travellers series in September to mention three open sailing racing events. You will have noticed the two event calendars in the Yearbook and on the club's website. There has been such an increase in the Flotilla Sailing that it has required this innovative approach. The committee hopes that this will help to inspire and support those sailors who might prefer not to race.

Blakeney Sailing Club's blue ribbon event, its Regattas will be held on 12th and 13th August., the day after the Annual Dinner.

Annual Dinner - otherwise known as the Hog Roast. Arrangements are already in hand but the committee is this year particularly requesting help with organising. Please contact Jane or Angela on blakeneyclub@gmail.com

We are delighted to announce that Dr Paul Richards, born and bred in Kings Lynn, former Mayor of Lynn, holder of the Freedom of the City, published historian, trustee of True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum, local guide in Lynn will be giving us an illustrated talk on **East Anglian ports and his particular interest, the Hanseatic League Past + Present, to include the sea wars.**

Update on Dredging the Blakeney Cut- The Dinghy Park Management Committee (DPMC) continues to meet and report to the Blakeney Parish Council but no longer has responsibility for the possible dredging of the cut. A new committee is researching this, the Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team. The BCCCT includes a wider range of interested parties. John Seymour is the Sailing Club's representative on this committee.

Annual General Meeting – will be held at 3pm on 27th August. All the officers and committee retire at the end of each AGM but are eligible for re-election. Nominations of full or family members to the committee should be given to Jane Armstrong our honorary secretary at least 14 days before the AGM. Please do come and support you club. The Receipts and Payments Accounts for the club will be posted in the clubhouse before 13th August and presented at the AGM.

Money –The 100 Club is a fun and gentle way to extort money from you. Please do join and help the finances of the club. Ann Cleall will enrol anyone wanting to support this and take a chance to win some money.

Since BSC is a Community Amateur Sports Club, tax paid on donations to it, can be reclaimed by the club. Thank you to those members who make donations.

Blakeney Harbour Association –

Blakeney Sailing Club has sponsored a channel marker buoy which has been put in place by the BHA.

It is your association; if you are not a member please consider joining

<http://blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk>

Happy and safe sailing everyone

Alan Collett

Commodore